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Pacoima Man Charged With Fatal Hit-and-Run on PCH

A 25-year-old man has been charged with the fatal hit-and-run of a woman killed as she stood outside of her car in Malibu, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Pablo Oswaldo Carranza (dob 5/23/89) of Pacoima faces one felony count of hit-and-run driving resulting in death and one misdemeanor count of vehicular manslaughter in case LA080566.

Carranza pleaded not guilty to the charges late yesterday and is scheduled to return on March 23 to Department 112 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Melanie Citalan Quiñonez, 21, died on March 10 after being allegedly struck by Carranza's vehicle while she stood outside of her car near Pacific Coast Highway and Zuma View Place, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of four years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lost Hills Station.

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